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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2833
PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 07553.0021**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Toru KAWAGUCHI)	Group Art Unit: 2877
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Application No.: 09/832,837)	Examiner: Tu T. NGUYEN
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Filed: April 12, 2001)	
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For: SURFACE POSITION DETECTION)	
DEVICE AND EXPOSURE)	
APPARATUS AND EXPOSURE)	
METHOD ACHIEVED BY UTILIZING)	
DETECTION DEVICE)	

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Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the final Office Action mailed March 18, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract are included in this Reply.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this Reply.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this Reply.